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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **YAMADA, Toshiro, et al.**

Group Art Unit: 1765

Serial No.: **10/520,272**

Examiner: **Shamim Ahmed**

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For: **METHOD OF DRY ETCHING, DRY ETCHING GAS AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING PERFLUORO-2-PENTYNE**

**RESPONSE TO THE RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT &  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT  
DATED August 30, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: September 28, 2006

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **August 30, 2006**.

In the Action, restriction/election of species is required between Group (I), Claims 1-10, drawn to a dry etching process and gas used in the process; and Group (II), Claims 11-12, drawn to a process for producing perfluoro-2-pentyne.

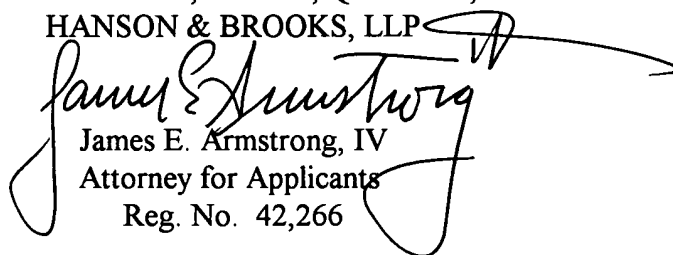
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 1-10, drawn to a dry etching process and gas used in the process**, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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